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Raising Casino Tax "Worth Looking At"

LANSING -- Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Wyoming) issued the following statement today in response to action by the Michigan House of Representatives to double the tax rate on Detroit's three casinos:

"This is a serious proposal and it is worth looking at further. This is a legitimate source of revenue for the state of Michigan and the Senate is going to seriously explore all options to balance the budget. The proposal is one of the many options currently under consideration to close the state's funding imbalance."

Sikkema added that the proposal, contained in House Bill 4612, will remain on the Senate calendar for action instead of being referred to a standing committee. He said this will allow the Senate to take up the measure "at a moment's notice."

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